



LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

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Library of Virginia launches state-of-the-art mobile programming vehicle

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA — The Library of Virginia launched its first statewide tour this month in a new custom-built vehicle to bring some of its vast resources, staff expertise and programming to every corner of the commonwealth.

Debuting as part of the Library's yearlong 200th anniversary celebration, LVA On the Go is a state-of-the-art vehicle designed to enhance awareness of the Library's collections and resources, strengthen ties to local organizations, capture stories and histories from community members, and provide a memorable and fun experience.

"As we approach our third century, it's important that we offer additional ways for individuals of all ages who may not ever have the opportunity to visit us in Richmond to learn about our rich and diverse collections and programs and share their stories," said Librarian of Virginia Sandra Treadway. "Our custom-built vehicle presents opportunities to connect to a wider audience across the state."

Personalized to address the interests of each location, LVA On the Go events may include:

- An oral history station inside the van available to capture personal and family stories for the Library's collection.
- Presentations on resources like Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative database and VirginiaChronicle.com, which provides access to over a million newspaper pages.
- An LVA staff member available to discuss the significance and context of historical items and documents community members bring to the event.
- A genealogy workshop focused on LVA's collections and a consultation with a local genealogist or historian.
- A display of framed digital reproductions of items in the Library's collections pertaining to the history of the region in which the event is taking place.
- Regionally specific children's crafts.

The first LVA On the Go vehicle visit was held at Abingdon Library on Saturday. The remaining schedule of visits includes the following:

Saturday, April 22, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
[Halifax County-South Boston Public Library, Halifax Branch](#)
177 S. Main St., Halifax, VA 24558

Saturday, April 29, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
[Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, Meadowbrook Public Library](#)
267 Alleghany Spring Rd., Shawsville, VA 24162

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
[Essex Public Library](#)
117 North Church Ln., Tappahannock, VA 22560

Saturday, May 20, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
[Northumberland Public Library at the Heathsville Farmers Market](#)
73 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA 22473

Saturday, June 10, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
[Botetourt County Libraries, Fincastle Library](#)
11 Academy St., Fincastle, VA 24090

Saturday, June 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
[Prince William Public Libraries, Chinn Park Library](#)
13065 Chinn Park Dr., Prince William, VA 22192

Saturday, July 22, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
[Lynchburg Public Library](#)
2315 Memorial Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24501

Saturday, August 12, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
[Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Nelson Memorial Library](#)
8521 Thomas Nelson Highway, Lovingston, VA 22949

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 | 12:00–4:00 p.m.
[Massanutten Regional Library](#)
174 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
[Blue Ridge Regional Library, Martinsville Branch Library](#)
310 East Church St., Martinsville, VA 24112

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
[Chesterfield County Public Library at ChesterFest](#)
11801 Centre St., Chester, VA 23831

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
[Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg Branch](#)
1201 Caroline St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
[Russell County Public Library, Lebanon Library](#)
248 W. Main St., Lebanon, VA 24266

For more information, visit lva.virginia.gov/200. LVA On the Go vehicle images are available here.
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u5vvrlqljmex8lx/AABIC_5Cr1USvcpK-mjvutw5a?dl=0

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

The Library of Virginia is the state's oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia's history and culture. Our online offerings attract nearly 3.8 million website visits per year, and our resources, exhibitions and events bring in nearly 100,000 visitors each year. The Library's collections, containing more than 130 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens. The Library is located in downtown Richmond near Capitol Square at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Learn more at www.lva.virginia.gov.